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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant:	David M. PEPPER et al.)	Examiner: Rose Mary MILLER
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Serial No.:	10/809,237)	Art Unit: 2856
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Filed:	March 24, 2004)	Our Ref: B-4856 620360-6
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For:	"TIME-REVERSED PHOTOACOUSTIC SYSTEM AND USES THEREOF")	Date: September 12, 2005
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)	Re: <i>Office Action</i>
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Mail Box Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In reply to the non-final Office Action mailed on June 10, 2005, an initial response to which is due no later than **September 10, 2005**, Applicants submit this paper. This paper is timely submitted on the first business day following the deadline date, which fell on a Saturday. Please amend the above-identified application as described below and consider the following remarks. **All amendments and remarks herein are made without prejudice.**

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 2 of this paper and include attached replacement sheets.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 3 of this paper.

entirety by HRL Laboratories, LLC. U.S. Pat. No. 6,657,732 is therefore disqualified from being used in a 35 U.S.C. 103(a) rejection, and thus Applicants submit that this rejection is now moot.

Regarding the prior art made of record by the Examiner but not relied upon, Applicants believe that this art does not render the pending claims unpatentable.

In view of the above, Applicants submit that the application is now in condition for allowance and respectfully urge the Examiner to pass this case to issue.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required or credit overpayment to deposit account no. 12-0415. In particular, if this response is not timely filed, the Commissioner is authorized to treat this response as including a petition to extend the time period pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) requesting an extension of time of the number of months necessary to make this response timely filed and the petition fee due in connection therewith may be charged to deposit account no. 12-0415.

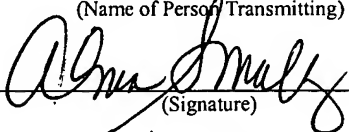
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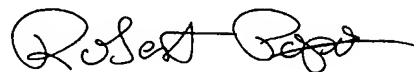


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